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Appl. No.	:	09/740,679
Examiner	:	Eduardo C. Robert
Docket No.	:	13533.4033

Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested.

By the present amendment, page 33 of the specification has been amended to identify the hinges 38 and grooves 40 as straight and tangential to the optic 34 as is clearly seen in the Figures, such as Figs. 2 and 3. It is respectfully submitted that there is ample support in the drawings for this addition to the specification, and as stated in the specification (Paragraph 0101 of the published application), the lenses of Figs. 16 – 20 are identical to the lens 32 of Figs. 1 – 8, except for stalk-like knobs 118 with regard to Fig. 18, the elected species. It is respectfully submitted that this addition to the specification obviates the Examiner's Section 112 rejection. Furthermore, the word "linear" in the independent Claims has been changed to "straight" which is clearly apparent from the various figures.

With regard to the Examiner's objection to Claim 63 on page 4 of the Office Action, it is submitted that Claim 63 is not the same scope as Claim 54 because it adds "said optic is biconvex." On the other hand, the Examiner is correct with regard to his objection to Claim 85 with regard to the second paragraph of Claim 85, and this paragraph has been deleted. Claim 85 adds "the optic is biconvex" which is an addition over Claim 80.

Since Claims 53-57, 59, 61, 63, 72-74, 77 and 99-101 were only rejected under Section 112, it is submitted that these claims clearly are allowable in view of the addition to page 33 of the specification.

Amendments have been made to independent Claims 53, 80, 90, 105, 106, 107 and 112 to more completely define the nature of the groove which forms the hinge.

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Turning now to the Section 102 rejection, it is submitted that the rejected claims are not at all anticipated by the Reuss patent because the Examiner has misinterpreted the structure of the lens of Reuss. In particular, the Examiner says the secondary portion 34 or 36 of the lens body 30 comprise a haptic; whereas, the secondary portions 34 and 36 are part of the optic and not at all haptics nor function as haptics; see column 4, lines 37-64. Clearly, the only haptics disclosed in Reuss are as specifically described in column 4, line 31, namely members 42 and 44. The Reuss patent clearly does not have a lens with haptics, nor plate haptics, tangential to the optic as defined in the claims.

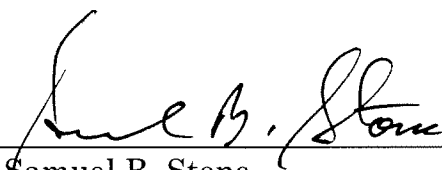
Accordingly, reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this Amendment to deposit account No. 15-0665.

Respectfully submitted,

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